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KNESSET VOTES TO DISSOLVE ITSELF; SETS NEW ELECTIONS FOR AUGUST 15

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- By a vote of 56 to 44, the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, voted today to dissolve itself and for the holding of general elections on August 15 for a new Government to replace the one toppled by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion when he resigned January 31.

A proposal that the elections be held July 11 was voted down on grounds it would occur during the period of mourning between the 17th of Tamuz and Tisha B'Av. The Knesset also defeated a bid for an August 1 election date.

Mapai and the National Religious party mustered a majority for the August 15 date to move the elections as far as possible from a "certain trial," on the assumption that the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann would be over by that time.

Seven of Israel's parties had sought an earlier election date than August 15 on grounds of economies in money and energy and to reduce the incumbency of the caretaker Government. Speakers for the proposal argued that a government without a mandate could not carry out policy in either domestic or foreign affairs. The parties involved were the General Zionists, Herut, Achdut Avodah, Mapam, the Progressives, the Communists and Agudat Israel.

The current Knesset is the fourth since establishment of the State. It was elected in November 1959 for a four-year period. The Government which fell on January 31 was Israel's ninth.

Passage of the election bill was preceded by some new efforts to avert elections by negotiating a new Cabinet. Moshe Shapiro, Religious party leader and Minister of the Interior in the present caretaker Government, proposed last night a conference between Mapai, Achdut Avodah, Mapam and his party to discuss a coalition Cabinet under Finance Minister Levi Eshkol as Prime Minister and Mr. Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister.

Mr. Shapiro indicated he understood that Mapai would be willing to agree to such a coalition if Mapam and Achdut Avodah would withdraw their announced rejection of Mr. Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister. However, the two left-wing parties adhered to their refusal to accept any agreement which would make Mr. Eshkol's Premiership a temporary one and which would provide in advance for Mr. Ben-Gurion's automatic return to the post of Prime Minister after a few months.

FIVE JEWS KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN ALGERIAN TOWN; 20 JEWS WOUNDED

PARIS, March 28. (JTA) -- Panic among Algerian Jews was reported here today to be rising as more details were made known of a savage terrorist attack in a small Algerian town Sunday in which five Jews were killed and 20 were wounded.

The attack took place in a cafe in Sebdom where a Jewish family was celebrating a wedding. An eight-man terrorist unit attacked the celebrants. While four of the terrorists blocked the cafe exits, the others threw grenades and opened automatic rifle fire on the merry-makers.

French Ex-Premier Sees No Absolute Safeguards for Jews in Algeria

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Former French Premier Edgar Faure, now visiting Israel as a guest of the Government, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the best way to safeguard the French Jewish minority in an independent Algeria would be through partition of the North African country but that it appeared to be "too late" now for such a solution.

He said there had been discussions about arrangements for dual citizenship, with mixed police in mixed population areas but he argued that short of partition of Algeria, there was no way to provide absolute safeguards to the European minorities.

He expressed the opinion that an agreement between France and Algeria, while improving France's relations with the Arab countries, would not affect Israel-French relations. He added he did not think the expected Algerian settlement would boost the prestige of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic inasmuch as the Algerian rebellion had started before Nasser's interventions.

CZECH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DISSEMINATES REPORT ON EICHMANN CRIMES

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- An eye-witness account of the depredations and cruelties against Jews, ordered during World War II by Nazi SS Col. Adolf Eichmann, has been compiled by the Czechoslovakian Government and furnished to Israeli authorities, the Czech Embassy here announced today.

The report, disseminated by the Czech Embassy, comprises testimony by a Czech sanitation engineer, Josef Pacovsky, who was interred for three and a half years at the concentration camp of Terezin, north of Prague.

Pacovsky's testimony shows that Eichmann personally ordered the establishment of a large ghetto in Terezin, in October 1941. Between 1941 and 1945, Pacovsky declared, 152,000 Jewish men, women and children passed through the Terezin camp. Of the total, he asserted, 87,000 were sent to extermination chambers at Auschwitz, Treblinka and Maidanek, while more than 34,000 died at Terezin. "At the end of the war," Pacovsky declared, "a mere 3,300 were left alive at Terezin."

In his testimony, the Czech engineer said that Eichmann and his henchmen were rounding up thousands of Jews telling them they were being sent to a special resort, "Terezin Spa." When Red Cross workers were scheduled to visit the camp, to check on the treatment accorded there to Jews from Denmark, Eichmann ordered that Terezin be "dressed up," having new apartments built and furnishing decent clothing to the inmates.

Pacovsky said that the Jews were forbidden to talk to the Red Cross workers, the rabbi of the camp being ordered to deliver an address in which he thanked the Germans for their "excellent treatment." Later, stated Pacovsky, the rabbi and several other Jews who were forced to participate in the deception, were murdered.

U. N. GETS \$11,000,000 FUND TO PAY INDEMNIFICATION TO NAZI VICTIMS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 28. (TA) -- A special bureau to process applications for indemnification by certain persons who were victims of nazism during World War II has been established by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, it was announced officially here today.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Felix Schnyder, has appointed a Swiss citizen, Ernest Schlatter, to head the new indemnification section, and the latter will assume his office at the end of this week.

Mr. Schlatter will administer a special fund of 45,000,000 deutschemarks (about \$11,000,000) "to provide assistance to national persecutees, other than those who already have a claim under the German Indemnification Law," Mr. Schnyder's announcement stated.

"In order to qualify for payments," said the High Commissioner, "a person must have been a refugee on October 1, 1953, regardless of his present residence, even if, in the meantime, he has lost refugee status by returning to his home country or by acquiring a new nationality. Surviving dependents of persons who have died as a result of (Nazi) persecution may also qualify under certain conditions."

Applications for indemnification under this program must be filed at the office of the High Commissioner in Geneva not later than December 31, 1961. So far, Mr. Schnyder said, about 1,100 applications have been filed, primarily from persons of Russian, Polish or Ukrainian origin.

ITALY SEEKS COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY FOR DEPORTED NAZI VICTIMS

ROME, March 28. (JTA) -- The Italian diplomatic representation in Bonn was given specific instructions to raise with the West German Government the question of Italian citizens who were victims of Nazi deportations and who have not received compensation, an official of the Italian Government declared today.

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Russo made the statement in reply to questions raised by Socialist Senators in the Italian Parliament. Many of the uncompensated victims are Jews.

He also said that the Italian Government had never failed to raise the issue whenever bilateral financial problems were discussed with the West German officials. Italian diplomats have always insisted that an equitable solution be found for the problem, he stated.

TUNIS STARTS RAZING OF MELLAH; JEWS TO BE RESETTLED IN MODERN HOMES

PARIS, March 28. (JTA) -- Work was reported here today to have started on the razing of the Mellah in the city of Tunis as part of a major modernization of the city.

The project will leave many Jews in the Mellah homeless. The Tunisian Government has pledged it will resettle such homeless Jews in modern structures but has not made any specific decisions on details of such resettlement.

U.S. SENATE APPROVES JEWISH CANDIDATE AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- The Senate approved by voice vote yesterday the nomination of Ralph Paiewonsky as Governor of the Virgin Islands. He is the third Jewish Governor of the Islands. Several Senators of both parties spoke in the nominee's behalf. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, praised the nominee and said the appointment was particularly popular in the Islands.

The new Governor's family first arrived in the Virgin Islands from Russia in 1870 and started a small dry goods store. The new Governor was born in Saint Thomas, one of the Islands, 53 years ago and received part of his education in Brooklyn and at New York University. The family controls a distillery which makes half of the famous Virgin Islands rum, motion picture theatres, stores and extensive real estate holdings.

ROCKWELL ARRESTED FOR USING FALSE NAME; REGISTERED AS 'NATHAN GINSEBURG'

TOPSFIELD, Mass., March 28. (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the "American Nazi party," was arrested here yesterday on state police charges of registering in a Boston hotel under a false name. Such registration is a violation of the Massachusetts true-name law.

Rockwell and a companion, Roy James, 23, were arrested here when they came to attend a lecture on hate groups. Rockwell was freed in \$100 bail. State police said that during a visit to Boston on January 14, Rockwell registered himself as "Nathan Ginsburg." James, a cook at Rockwell's Nazi headquarters in Arlington, Va., was not registered at all, state police said.

JEWS AND NON-JEWS OPPOSE STATE AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, March 28. (JTA) -- Forty-five prominent citizens of Winnipeg, including nine Jews, have issued a public statement opposing government financial aid to private schools. The statement declares that the signers oppose state aid to private and parochial schools, as recommended by a Royal Commission report two years ago, and calls upon the Government "to refuse to enact legislation that would lead to such aid."

A plaque, marking the bicentenary of Jewish settlement in Canada was today affixed in the corridor of the Manitoba Provincial legislature building here. Lieut. Governor Errick Willis unveiled the plaque in ceremonies attended by Provincial officials and Jewish communal leaders.

KENNEDY LAUDS B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND HILLEL FOUNDATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- President Kennedy praised B'nai B'rith today as an example of the assistance private groups are rendering the nation's youth.

"Whether our nation continues to merit the leadership of the free world and the extent to which we are able to develop our human resources depends largely upon the assistance and encouragement offered by private organizations like B'nai B'rith, which has for so long helped our youth to continue their education," Mr. Kennedy said.

Lauding B'nai B'rith youth activities, the President stressed that the organization's "Hillel Foundations, teen-age chapter and vocational guidance and service centers play an important part in helping our young people develop their talents." The President expressed his views in a letter to Herbert Goldstein of Centreville, Md., chairman of B'nai B'rith Interfaith Youth Fellowship dinner that will honor the Maryland Congressional delegation next month.

U.S. AUTHORITIES ACT AGAINST MIS-ROUTING AIRMAIL ADDRESSED TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The United States postal authorities have taken steps to prevent further mis-routing of airmail copy addressed to Jerusalem, Israel, following complaints by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that airmail addressed to its Jerusalem office had been sent to an Arab country where it had been subjected to censorship.

The office of the Inspector in Charge, in New York, advised the JTA that its complaint had been brought to the attention of the superintendent of the Airport Mail Facility at Idlewild "for necessary disciplinary and corrective action."

The postal authorities said that "since it would not be possible to state with certainty at what point this letter was molested, it was not deemed necessary, in this instance, to bring the matter to the attention of the postal administration of Jordan, to which country it is believed it may have been sent inasmuch as there is a Jerusalem in that service."

ARTHUR LOURIE NAMED TEMPORARY HEAD OF ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U. N.

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, left here yesterday for New York to head the Israel delegation to the United Nations. He will temporarily replace Michael Comay, the permanent head, who took ill suddenly and entered a New York hospital. Mr. Lourie will head the delegation for at least two weeks.

INTRODUCTION OF BIBLE CLASSES IN ISRAELI FACTORIES REPORTED AT PARLEY

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Factories and plants throughout Israel are now conducting weekly Bible classes, with the cooperation of employers and employees, it was reported here today at the annual, national Bible Conference which convened for three days of sessions. Several hundred scholars and lay devotees of the Bible are attending the conference which, this year, is devoted to discussion and study of the Books of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes.

This year's Bible Conference coincides with the anniversary of King Cyrus of Persia who, 2,500 years ago, issued a proclamation permitting the return of the Jews from their exile to Palestine. Last night, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion delivered an address extolling the military and political genius of King Cyrus, stressing his tolerance for religious and national minorities. Two Iranian representatives attended the session and heard the Prime Minister praise modern Iran's efforts at development, describing Israel and Persia as "two brotherly nations."

SKELETONS OF BAR KOCHBA HEROES TO BE GIVEN TRADITIONAL BURIAL

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Traditional Jewish burial will be given to the skeletons of Jewish martyrs discovered in caves where they died nearly 1,800 years ago while fighting the Romans under Bar Kochba, in the last futile revolt against the Roman conquerors of Palestine, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion announced today.

The Prime Minister made his announcement after inspecting the sites where the skeletons were discovered, in the Judean hills. Mr. Ben-Gurion visited four sites where archaeological teams are now at work under the direction of Prof. Yigael Yadin of the Hebrew University.

The diggings have shed new light on the revolt led by Bar Kochba during the period 132-135 of the Common Era, according to scientists with the expedition. Among the remains are skeletons of children as well as the skeletal remains of adults, showing that entire families holed up in the caves during the fighting.

On hilltops surrounding the caves, Roman posts were discovered, indicating where the conquerors laid siege to the Jewish fighters. Inside the caves, the archaeologists have found articles left by the besieged, including plates and ornaments wrapped in matting and tied with string. These articles remained intact because the air in the caves is dry. However, the dryness of the air is the factor that led to the suffocation of the besieged Jews.

The burial of the skeletons, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, will take place on a cliff-top above Wadi Hever, near the site where the last Jewish resistance battles were fought by Bar Kochba and his followers.

ISRAELI PAVILION AT SOUTH AFRICA'S TRADE FAIR WINS GOLD MEDAL

JOHANNESBURG, March 28. (JTA) -- The Israel pavilion at this year's Rand Easter show, South Africa's largest trade fair, has been awarded a gold medal for the second year in succession, Israel's Consul General Yaacov Doron announced today at a reception at the pavilion.

Israel's exports to South Africa last year exceeded \$1,863,000, more than double the previous year's exports totaling \$792,000, Mr. Doron reported. Chief Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz expressed the hope that trade between Israel and South Africa would increase now that South Africa was leaving the British Commonwealth.

REPLICA OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LETTER PRESENTED TO ISRAEL LIBRARY

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- Morris Morgenstern, New York investment banker, presented last night a replica of George Washington's letter to the Jewish community of Newport, Rhode Island, to the Abraham Goldstein Library at the ZOA House here.

One of the highlights of the presentation was a lecture by Prof. Israel Efros, President of Tel Aviv University, on the historic significance of the letter, which cites a verse from the prophet Micah as the basis of the outlook toward the Jewish minority of America's first President.

JUDGE MITCHELL MAY, PROMINENT JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DEAD; WAS 90

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Mitchell May, a former justice of the New York State Supreme Court and prominent Jewish communal leader, who died here at the age of 90. He served in Congress from 1899 to 1901.

Born in Brooklyn, Judge May was for many years president of the Brooklyn Federation of Charities, now merged with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. He was a member of the boards of directors of a number of Jewish organizations and institutions.